Non-compliances of RTI Act

2832. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some Delhi University colleges are not complying with the Right to Information Act which is causing hard time for students;

(b) if so, which are those colleges and whether Government is taking any action against those colleges in the interests of the students; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) In terms of Section 2(h) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, colleges under University of Delhi are 'Public Authority', and therefore, it is obligatory on the part of the colleges to comply with the various provisions of the Act. The said Act also provides for mechanism for appeal and penalty in case of violation of the Act and the Government has no role in this regard.

Changes in Madarsa Curriculum

†2833. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether curriculum to be studied in Madarsas is being revised and other subjects are being included therein;

(b) if so, the details of new subjects being included;

(c) whether the said curriculum has been prepared; and

(d) if so, the time when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Madarsa Modernization is an ongoing programme under which those Madarsas which volunteer to impart teaching in modern subjects such as Science, Mathematics, English etc. in addition to the traditional religious learning, are assisted through State Governments. National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education has set up a Committee of Experts on Modernization of Madarsa Programme. The Committee after having consultations with the Community leaders and Madarsa Managements has made suggestion to remove weaknesses in the existing Madarsas Modernisation Programme. Based on these suggestions, the Programme is being modified to provide for linkages of volunteering Madarsas with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and imparting of vocational education in addition to modern subject, without affecting their traditional teaching.

Transport allowance to employees of Delhi University

2834. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.